GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:227
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2002
ISSUE OF IDENTITY CARDS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to issue identity cards/citizen cards to all the citizens of the country to check the illegal migration;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have taken a decision to issue tamper proof Identity Cards to all the villagers living in the 10 k.m. border belt to check infiltrators from the various borders;

(d) if so, the details in this regard;

(e) whether any criteria has been fixed for issuance of such Identity Cards;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether any time schedule has been fixed to complete the task; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(h): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.227 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 19TH M/ 2002

(a)to(h): A proposal to issue Multipurpose National Identity Cards (MNICs) to Indian citizens, including the people residing in the border areas of the country, is receiving the Government`s attention. These cards apart from providing a credible identification system, may have multifarious uses.

The issue of MNICs would involve creation of an identification system for more than one billion citizens, streamlining the existing machinery for the registration of births and deaths at the grass root levels and choices of institutional as well as technological options for the creation of an integrated data base of personal identities capable of being continuously updated. The Government would finalize its decision only after an in-depth examination of all relevant issues and after making necessary preparations, including the legal backing to the scheme.